



Peter Baptizing the Centurion Cornelius
Francesco Trevisani (1709)

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

This week I have just a couple of house keeping notes. First of all, at the end of the month of May I will be making my annual pre-Memorial Day retreat up at the Sycamore Tree. I will be out of town, but not the county, from Monday, May 24th through that Friday, the 28th. It is a beautiful time of the year to be up in the Swan Valley, and while I have plenty of solitude here in Polson, the silence is something that I very much look forward to and welcome. On Tuesday the 25th some of my brother priests will come up to join me for Mass and dinner. Please pray for me, the priests of our diocese and always for our seminarians and for vocations to the priesthood.

Secondly, Katie Devlin from Immaculate Conception has accepted a position of Office Assistant here at the parish office in Polson. She has been helping me with the bulletin and other office necessities for about a month now and by July 1st she will be formally hired for this new position. Katie will only be working between 10 and no more than 15 hours a week and has the computer skills for the person I need to help with some of the basic administration of the parish office. Katie is not a receptionist and is not being hired to attend to the needs of the parish. She will be hired to be of personal assistance to myself.

While I am on that note, it has become clear during this past year that we are really not in need of a full-time parish office that keeps hours where people may drop in for whatever need they have. With Flocknote I believe communication in the parish has improved greatly, and my cell phone number remains published on the front cover of each bulletin. If you need to get in contact with me, I do prefer text messages since I do not answer my phone if the number is not on my caller ID list. I do not claim to be a perfect communicator but I do strive to be as responsive as possible when someone tries to contact me. If I do not respond to you promptly, I may be scattered, distracted or your message may have been pushed down to the bottom of a queue of messages. Do not hesitate to importune me if I seem slow to return your message. I would welcome the nudge.

When I return from my retreat at the end of May I will begin a summertime Mass schedule. I will only offer Mass publicly on Wednesdays during the summer months of June, July and August. I maintain the Wednesday Mass since on that day

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

9 May 2021

Sacred Heart, Ronan
Immaculate Conception, Polson
St. Joseph Mission, Charlo

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

Immaculate Conception at 6:00 pm
Confessions are available at 5:00 pm

Sunday

Sacred Heart at 8:30 am
Immaculate Conception at 10:30 am

Wednesday-Thursday-Friday

Immaculate Conception at 12:10 pm

Confessions are heard on each of these days at 11:30 am and again after the 12:10 pm Mass on Wednesday during a period of Eucharistic Adoration.

Happy Mother's Day!



SAINT PAUL
STREET EVANGELIZATION

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help! For those who still may be interested, please know that there is no time requirement, nor are you required to have a deep knowledge of theology or apologetics. We will not be proselytizing, but simply there to steer them (back) towards the Church. Your presence alone is enough!

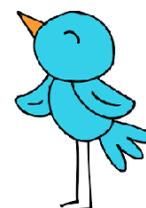
If you wish to participate, please email lakecountyromancatholic@gmail.com and indicate your interest. A brief training meeting will take place on May 15th at 6pm.

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there is an opportunity for confession and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. On the other days of the week I say Mass either in my chapel at home or over in the parish church. I still accept Mass intentions for the support of the parish. Mass intentions can always be placed in the collection basket using the envelopes provided or in another clearly marked envelope. For clarity, always indicate if the Mass is for the "repose" of an individual or for their intentions if they are still living.

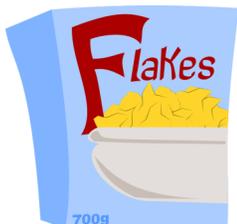
Finally, with regards to the St. Paul Street Evangelization program, I am grateful for the those who have responded. To set your mind at ease, if you have concerns, this is not about going in depth with questions that people may have, nor to "argue" with protestants or those who do not share our faith. The point and purpose of this program is simply to provide a public witness to our Catholic faith and offer basic guidance and direction for those who may be trying to find their way back to the Church, and to provide guidance for those who may be seeking answers to their questions about the faith. Materials and training will be provided to those interested. I am not asking for a commitment to this program, necessarily, and even an occasional witness would be fine. Please let me know if you are interested.

God bless,
Fr. Kevin Christofferson



Food Pantry Necessities

Peanut butter and cereal are a constant need; as well as oats, flour and rice. Pet foods are frequently in demand, and clients tend to prefer healthy options for food that are not so loaded with sugar. Items may be left in a bin at the entrance of the church.



Liturgy Calendar & Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 8th

Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Easter
Deceased Priests of Our Diocese

Sunday, May 9th

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sick & Shut-Ins / Intentions of the Parish Faithful

Tuesday, May 11th—No Mass

Wednesday, May 12th

Special Intention r.b. Bonnie Manicke

Thursday, May 13th

Special Intention r.b. Katie Devlin

Friday, May 14th

Repose of the Souls of Norbert & Esther Marquardt
r.b. Sheila Marquardt

Humbly asking for your prayers

Marcy Bishop, Mary Oulette, Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Liz Hipp, Michael Conrad, Ellen Holland, Kevin Normandeau, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Leonard & Gail Piedalue, Kate Shrider Olsen, Don Herbst, Bill Nash, Donna Jacobs, Derrie Edge, Madge Vert, Bob Mahon, Joe Wolfekuhle, John Miller.

Please help to keep the list current by contacting the Parish Office. Also, out of respect for a person's privacy, please make sure that all individuals wish to be publicly identified.

Grace be to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for you all; Making a remembrance of you in our prayers without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 1:2

The Holy Father's prayer intention for May

The World of Finance: Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

Please pray for our seminarians!

Dillon Armstrong, Tyler Frohlich, Matthew Christians, Kyle Tannehill and Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, John Cooney



If you just moved here and are new to the parish, please make sure to register with the parish office! Sign up for Flocknote to receive the Sunday bulletin and other important announcements via email and text. Contact the parish office or sign up on our website, lakecountyromancatholic.org.



Parish registration forms may be found at the entrance of the church.

We would love to welcome you to our Catholic home!

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Antiphon:

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Collect:

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honor of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Readings:

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
1 Jn 4:7-10
Jn 15:9-17

Catechism of the Catholic Church:

826 *Charity is the soul of the holiness to which all are called: it "governs, shapes, and perfects all the means of sanctification."*

If the Church was a body composed of different members, it couldn't lack the noblest of all; it must have a Heart, and a Heart BURNING WITH LOVE. And I realized that this love alone was the true motive force which enabled the other members of the Church to act; if it ceased to function, the Apostles would forget to preach the gospel, the Martyrs would refuse to shed their blood. LOVE, IN FACT, IS THE VOCATION WHICH INCLUDES ALL OTHERS; IT'S A UNIVERSE OF ITS OWN, COMPRISING ALL TIME AND SPACE - IT'S ETERNAL!

"A Rose for Mother" by Cleo M. Shoffstall

*Another Mother's Day is here,
Bringing joy and pleasures new,
On this special day, Mother dear,
I want to remember you.
I cannot give you costly gifts,
And I've told you this before,
No matter what I give to you,
You give back much, much more.
I'm giving you a pure, sweet rose,
Gathered in the early morn,
This rose you planted in my heart,
The day that I was born.
In kindly, loving thoughts of you,
And with the faith you still impart,
The rose I give to you today,
Is the love that's in my heart.*



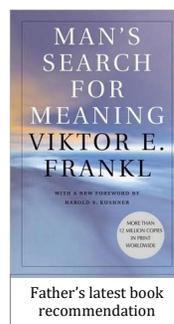
PARISH ACTIVITIES



The Ronan Council of the Knights of Columbus will meet next on **Sunday, May 16th.**

Knitting Group

Knitters and Crocheters meet in the parish hall of Immaculate Conception on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Please contact Julie Hille at 715-882-2716 for more information. All are welcome!



Father's latest book recommendation

We are interested in starting a book club in the fall with a goal to read and discuss classic works of literature with a Catholic perspective.

If you are interested, please email lakecountyromancatholic@gmail.com and indicate your interest to be put on the list to receive future communications about the book club.



All Sunday homilies are available on YouTube and can be found by searching the full name *Fr. Kevin Christofferson.*

ROSARY GROUP

St. Joseph Hospital Chapel

Monday at 6:00 pm
Friday at 9:00 am



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Immaculate Conception
\$147,601 of \$170,000 (87%)
Sacred Heart/St. Joseph
\$33,390 of \$44,500 (75%)



Thank you for your generosity!

EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS

Treasures of the Church

St. Richard Parish welcomes you to a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics. Over 150 relics will be shown, some as old as 2,000 years.

Among the treasures will be relics of St. Joseph, St. Maria Goretti, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska.

There will also be a fragment of the Veil that belonged to Our Lady and some of the largest remaining pieces of the Wood of the True Cross in the world.



presented by Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross

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WEDNESDAY MAY 26 AT 6:00 PM
See www.treasuresofthechurch.com for more information